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98. *Widening the lane from the Kanakakunnu market to Ramapuram Nadaikavu.*

Mr. Sankaran Kochu Kunju Channar (Member, Kartigapalli Taluk) requested that the lane from the Kanakakunnu market to Ramapuram Nadaikavu might be widened and improved.

Dewan's reply.—An investigation has been ordered by Government.

99. *Improvement of the road from Kayenculam to Nangiarkulangara.*

Mr. K. R. Govinda Pillai (Member, Kartigapalli Taluk) said that the portion of the road from Kayenculam to Nangiarkulangara, 6 miles long, was not at present fit for cart traffic. As it was a road largely used by merchants and agriculturists, he requested that the road might be ordered to be metalled.

Dewan's reply.—This is one of the roads included in the programme of the Public Works department and it will be taken up when its turn comes.

100. *Provision of a lock for the Pathiyur canal.*

Mr. K. R. Govinda Pillai (Member, Kartigapalli Taluk) said that, owing to the influx of brackish water from the backwaters, the cultivation of about 5,000 paras of land from Pathiyur to Karippuzha suffered at present. Since the year 1040, the people had been urging upon Government the necessity of providing a lock at the canal near the Pathiyur bridge for the protection of cultivation. At present, temporary locks used to be put up by the ryots in times of cultivation. The Member requested that the work might be soon taken up.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) supported the previous speaker.

Dewan's reply.—This matter is being investigated by the Public Works department.

MAVELIKARA TALUK.

101. *Improvement of a canal.*

Mr. Kanakku Kerulan Govindan (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) said that the canal from the Mavelikara Arattukadavu to the Thodiyil backwater was allowed to remain in a neglected condition without timely and proper maintenance. It ran through paddy lands and was partly in the Mavelikara taluk and partly in the Karunagapalli taluk. The canal was once in a perfectly navigable condition but now it was silted up in many places and was navigable only in the rainy weather. In the interests of cultivation, the Member said that it should be properly repaired. He added that the registry of the poramboke lands adjacent to the canal (in the

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Puvathur chira) should also be prevented, as several applications were being made now.

Dewan's reply.—I would advise the Member to meet me and show me the place when I next visit the taluk. The request is noted.

102. Improvement of the Parayankari branch of the Mavelikara river.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) represented that about 2,600 acres of land were rendered unproductive owing to the silting up of the Parayankari branch of the Mavelikara river, which flowed through the middle of the lands. The owners of the lands were unable to pay the old assessment, but at the recent settlement, this circumstance was not considered and the lands were assessed at the ayacut rate. Their complaints to Government for a reduction of the assessment were of no avail, but the Government in their Order No. 92/R, dated 19th November 1906, promised to take steps to improve the condition of the canal. Though the Division Peishkar had recommended the scheme, the matter was subsequently dropped by Government on the strength of a report from the Chief Engineer that the restoration of ten miles of a large river was a hopeless undertaking. The Member represented that, if a proper inspection had been made, such an opinion would not have been formed, as all that was necessary was a cutting of the river for a length of only 1 mile and 3 furlongs and a breadth of 20 feet. The total cost would not exceed Rs. 5,000 and this expenditure ought not to be grudged in consideration of the revenue of about Rs. 18,000 fetched by the lands. The Member observed that an inspection of the locality or an investigation through the Peishkar would prove the truth of his statement and he requested therefore that the work might be ordered to be taken in hand. If the request could not be granted, he prayed for a reduction of the assessment on the lands in question and he presented a memorial on the subject.

Dewan's reply.—When I visit Mavelikara next, I shall inspect the place. The Member would do well to meet me there and explain matters.

CHENGANNUR TALUK.

103. Conversion of the six feet trace from Omallore to Pariarom into a cart road.

Mr. Geeverghese Catanar Geeverghese (Member, Chengannur Taluk) said that the trace from Omallore to Periarom was five miles long and that Government were making allotments every year for its maintenance. Since it was not converted into a cart road, the owners of the lands on either side now experienced great inconvenience.

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